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Section 3.c.(2)(c) is revised to read as follows:

(c) Highwalls and spoil piles. All highwalls, spoil piles, and depressions, except small depressions to retain moisture, shall be eliminated in a manner which blends in with the surrounding terrain. This element should not be interpreted as necessarily requiring spoil from the first cut to be transported to fill the last cut in area mining, provided highwalls are eliminated and both cuts are graded to blend in with the surrounding terrain. (See 42 FR 62643, December 13, 1977; 44 FR 15227, March 13, 1979; and 48 FR 32911, July 19, 1983). The provisions of Temporary Directive Number 88-3, "Highwall Elimination", dated February 16, 1988, and effective through September 30, 1988, shall be applied in evaluating interim program highwall elimination.

**CHANGE NOTICE**